

**ARKANSAS 1115 DEMONSTRATION****FACT SHEET**

**Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:** ARx Senior Program

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**Date Proposal Approved:**

**Proposed Implementation Date:** Proposal is on hold

**SUMMARY**

The demonstration is a statewide program that provides up to two prescriptions per month to Arkansas residents aged 65 and over, with incomes at or below 90 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and who are receiving Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) benefits. Expected eligibles to be served under this group will be 5,816.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals eligible for ARx Senior Program must meet the following requirements:

- Be age 65 or older;
- Be a QMB coverage;
- Have no prescription drug coverage;
- Apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) if the individual appears to be eligible for SSI; and
- Have net countable income at or below 90 percent of FPL with the option to increase up to a maximum of 100 percent of FPL (if state general revenue allows) as follows:
  - ☐ Effective June 30, 2003, income limit may be increased up to 100 percent of FPL.

There will be an assets test. The asset test for this group is \$4,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for couples. Increases in the income eligibility standard after implementation are not mandated and will not be initiated if program costs exceed projections or adequate funding is unavailable.

**BENEFIT PACKAGE**

This group will receive prescription drug coverage up to two (2) prescriptions per month.

**COST-SHARING**

- There is an annual enrollment fee of \$25 per state fiscal year (SFY).
- The enrollment fee will be paid at the point of service and will be pro-rated at a rate of \$5

per prescription at the time of purchase

- Co-payment
  - \$10 for generic drugs
  - \$20 for brand named drugs

### **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

The application process will require the receipt of QMB services by the individual. Application forms will be available at the local DHS offices or by mail. The applications will be subject to normal processing standards.

QMBs whose income is at below 90 percent of FPL will be identified on a monthly basis. The beneficiaries will receive a magnetic encoded identification card must be used to access the drug benefit.

### **ACCESS**

The Division of County Operations is currently using a simplified QMB application that allows for self-declaration of most eligibility items. Individuals eligible for QMB and the ARx Senior Program will be certified for both concurrently by completing the one application.

Arkansas currently uses data from Social Security and sends letters with application kits each month to new Medicare beneficiaries whose Social Security income is under 100 percent of FPL. This process will continue.

### **DELIVERY SYSTEM**

All services for the ARx Senior Program will be delivered through the current network of enrolled Medicaid providers. Most, if not all, the beneficiaries in this group are exempt from the primary care physician (PCP) requirements. They will receive their primary care through Medicare. Reimbursement for prescriptions provided will be the same as in the Medicaid program.

### **BENEFIT REQUIREMENT**

- Prospective and Retrospective Drug Utilization Review will apply.
- Surveillance and Utilization Review will be the same as under Medicaid.

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